

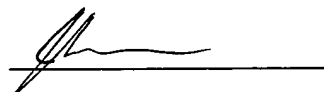
B. Remarks

In response to the Office action of 3 February 2004, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough review of the above referenced patent application and for finding that claims 5-18, 23-31, 35-42, 50-57, 63-70, 80-82, 87-89, 94-100 and 105-107 are allowed. In responding to the Examiner's various rejections of claims 101-104, Applicant herein cancel claims 101-104 and thus renders moot the Examiner's rejections. As such, Applicant believes the present application is now in proper form for allowance and respectfully requests the Examiner to expeditiously issue a Notice of Allowance for the above listed allowed claims.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment and Response which may be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney, John T. Kennedy, at (303) 260-6362.

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